

The University of Western Ontario Department of History
History 2601E (001) UWO
History of Modern China (2014-15)

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Description

'History of Modern China' begins at the point of internal collapse at the end of the Ming dynasty and follows with the subsequent rise to power of the Qing dynasty in the 17th and 18th centuries. We then trace China's development through the 19th century when the country is faced with internal and external challenges from rebellion and imperialism. We follow China's efforts to cope with this changing environment through the late-Qing, Republican era, and finally the People's Republic of China ending, with the 'reform-era' under the government of Deng Xiaoping. In addition to the larger themes of politics, society, and economy, the course will look at cultural life, art, and at how life was lived day to day. Students are expected to read, and critically analyze assigned readings prior to corresponding lectures.

Texts

Spence, Jonathan, *Search for Modern China*, Second Edition, W.W. Norton and Co, New York, 2013.

Atwill, David and Yurong Atwill, *Sources in Chinese History: Diverse Perspectives from 1644 to the Present* Pearson Education, 2010.

Assignments and Grading

1) essay I	15%	(Due Nov.12)
2) mid-term exam	20%	(Nov.26)
3) essay II	20%	(Due March 25)
4) final exam	25%	(TBA)
5) primary source (PS) assignments and quizzes	<u>20%</u>	(Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Jan. 21, Mar. 18)
	100%	

Note: all essays and assignments must be submitted in printed form and electronically to 'turnitin.com' (see WebCT). Plagiarism will be dealt with strictly in accordance to university guidelines (see below). Late papers will be penalized 2% per day after due date.

Academic accommodation on medical grounds can in most instances **only** be granted if supported by a **University of Western Ontario Student Medical Certificate (available at https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf or Academic Counseling Office).**

Schedule, Term I

Sept 10 Introduction

Sept 17 Ming Collapse; Qing Conquest

Spence 1-48

Atwill 1.1

*note quiz next week

Sept 24 Kangxi

Spence 49-73

Atwill 1.3, 1.5, 1.6

Pin Yin Quiz (See OWL for guide.)

Oct 01 Yongzheng

Spence 72-93

Oct 8

Qianlong 94-14

Primary Source Atwill 1.7 - 1.10

PS Assignment due. (See OWL for guide.)

Oct 15 China and the West in the 18th Century

Spence 115-136

Atwill 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

Oct 24 Clash with the West

Spence 137-163

Atwill 2.7-2.12.

Oct. 29 Crisis Within

Spence 164-185

Atwill 3.1 – 3.8

Nov 05 Restoration through Reform

Spence 186-207

Atwill 3.9 – 3.12

PS Assignment due. (See OWL for guide.)

*please note that Essay I is due next week

Nov 12 New Tensions

Spence 208-233

Atwill 4.1-4.13

Essay I Due

Nov 19 End of the Dynasty

Spence 234-254

Atwill 5.1-5.12

*please note the in-class exam next week

Nov 26 Exam

Dec 03 Movie Day

Primary Source: Atwill 14.9

Term II

Jan 07 New Republic/A Road is Made

Spence 255-300

Atwill 7.1-7.13

Jan 14 Fractured Alliance/Guomindang in Power

Spence 301-355

Atwill 8.1-8.13, 9.5-9.7

Jan 21 Communist Survival

Spence 356-388

Atwill 9.8-9.10

PS Assignment due. (See OWL for guide.)

Jan 28 WWII in China

Spence 389-432

Atwill 10.1-10.4

Feb 4 Fall of the GMD

Spence 433-459

Atwill 10.8-10.11

Feb 11 Birth of PRC

Spence 460-483

Atwill 11.1-11.4

(Feb 18 –22 Break)

Feb 25 Planning the New Society Deepening the Revolution

Spence 484-534

Atwill 11.5-11.11

Mar 04 Cultural Revolution

Spence 535-556

Atwill 12.4-12.11

Mar 11 Reopening the Doors

Spence 557-586

Atwill 13.1-13.3

Mar 18 Redefining Revolution

Spence 587-614

Atwill 13.4-13.10

PS Assignment due. (See OWL for guide.)

*please note that Essay II is due next week.

Mar 25 Levels of Power

Spence 615-638

Atwill 14.1-14.3

Essay II Due

Apr. 01 Testing the Limits

Spence 639-665

Atwill 14.4-14.10

Apr 08 Century's End

Spence 666-702

Atwill 15.1

Final Exam will be scheduled during the exam period.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Prerequisites and Antirequisites:

Unless you have either the requisites for this course, as described in the Academic Calendar description of the course, or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites. The Academic Calendar description of each course also indicates which classes are considered antirequisites, i.e., to cover such similar material that students are not permitted to receive academic credit for both courses.

Academic Offences:

Scholastic Offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitute a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations.

Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely

will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

Medical Issues:

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Please go to https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_accommodations_link_for_OOR.pdf to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. This site provides links the necessary forms. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation should be requested. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once the instructor has made a decision about whether to grant an accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for tests, assignments, and exams.

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If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Rebecca Dashford, Undergraduate Program Advisor, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84962 or rdashfo@uwo.ca